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Mr. Michael Mullion
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2015 Diversion for the Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (District), Mohave County Water Authority (MCWA), Hopi Tribe (Tribe), Arizona Game and Fish Commission (AZGFC), and GSC Farm, LLC (GSC)

Dear Mr. Mullion:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the subject entitlement holders with notice of my determination regarding the entitlement holders' proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2015.

Under Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028, as amended, the District is entitled to divert up to 9,126 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, of which 300 AF may be used for domestic use. Under this same contract, the District is also entitled to divert up to 1,500 AF per year of Arizona fifth priority and up to 2,000 AF per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River.

The MCWA, the Tribe, AZGFC, and GSC are all located within the District's boundaries and the District has submitted a 2015 Colorado River diversion estimate on their behalf.

- Under Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0431, as amended, MCWA is entitled to divert up to 4,278 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.
- Under Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0432, as amended, the Tribe is entitled to divert up to 4,278 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, up to 750 AF per year of Arizona fifth priority Colorado River water, and up to 1,000 AF per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River water.
- Under Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0509, as amended, AZGFC is entitled to divert up to 2,838 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, up to 750 AF per year of Arizona fifth priority Colorado River water, and up to 1,000 AF per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River water.
- Under Contract No. 13-XX-30-W0571, as amended, GSC is entitled to divert up to 2,913.3 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2015 diversion estimate provided by the District which included diversion estimates for the entitlement holders listed above, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 23,707 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 for use within the District's boundaries. The diversion by the District and each entitlement holder within the District's boundaries is limited to the total approved diversion amount shown in the table below.

2015 Diversion Request and Approval (All Values in AF)							
Entity	Arizona Fourth Priority		Arizona Fifth Priority		Arizona Sixth Priority		Total Diversion
	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Approved Diversion
District	9,126	9,126	1,500	1,474	2,000	0	10,600
MCWA	4,278	2,074	0	0	0	0	2,074
Tribe	4,278	4,278	750	622	1,000	0	4,900
AZGFC	2,838	2,838	750	622	1,000	0	3,460
GSC	2,913.3	2,673.3	0	0	0	0	2,673
Total ¹	23,433	20,989	3,000	2,718	4,000	0	23,707

¹Total values have been rounded.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2015, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast15.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for calendar year 2015. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,



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